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Honorable Robert S. Mueller
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Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Attention: [redacted]
Assistant United States Attorney

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Re: [redacted]

JOSEPH RALPH McGINNIS-
VICTIM;
POSSIBLE EXTORTION MATTER

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm a conversation on December 5, 1986,
between Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]
[redacted] Springfield, Massachusetts, and Special Agent (SA)
[redacted] of the Springfield, Massachusetts Resident
Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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In that conversation, AUSA [redacted] was advised of an
investigation wherein Joseph Ralph McGinniss was allegedly a
victim of a possible threatening telephone call. There is some
expectation additional telephone calls will occur.

AUSA [redacted] advised he concurred in the monitoring
and recording of such calls with McGinniss' consent and foresaw
no entrapment problems.

Very truly yours,

JAMES F. AHEARN
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]

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Attention: [redacted]
Assistant United States Attorney

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Dear Sir:

This is to confirm a conversation on June 4, 1987,
between Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]
[redacted] Springfield, Massachusetts, and Special Agent (SA)
[redacted] of the Springfield, Massachusetts Resident
Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

During that conversation, AUSA [redacted] was advised of
the fact Joseph R. McGinniss was recently telephonically
contacted by [redacted] who
suggested Mr. McGinniss give some consideration to omitting any
reference to [redacted]
[redacted] in his upcoming book about the celebrated [redacted]
Mr. McGinniss was further advised by [redacted] the possibility
existed if McGinniss were to forget about the [redacted] connection in
his book, perhaps the trouble he (McGinniss) had with [redacted]
some months ago could be resolved.

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Based on the above, and further, the fact AUSA [redacted]
previously authorized consensual monitoring on the McGinniss
telephone, AUSA [redacted] advised he concurred in the monitoring
and recording of additional calls with McGinniss' consent
foreseeing no entrapment problems.

Very truly yours,

JAMES F. AHEARNS
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]

Supervisory Special Agent

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